fertilizers and pesticides, in order to ameliorate the conditions of farmers ; if so, the details in this regard;

(b) what is the broad objective in this regard; and

(c) by when this tax is likely to be levied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closure of PPL Plant

186. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) located at Paradip in Orissa, has been ordered by the Orissa High Court to close the plant from 15th February, 2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken for controlling pollution, as directed by the Pollution Control Board, so as to reopen the Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, based on the inspection report of the plant site by the Orissa State Pollution Control Board on the pollution control measures already implemented and under implementation, the Hon'ble High Court has vacated their interim order restraining Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) from polluting the environment and allowed the company to run the industry till further hearing fixed on 24.6.2002.

Revision of Pay Scales in PPL

187. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa High Court has directed the Union Government to consider the recommendations of the Chairman and Managing